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A Look at Gang Activity in Tippecanoe County

LAFAYETTE, Ind. – According to a 2012 Institute of Education Science study, 16 percent of public schools reported that gang activities had occurred during the 2009–10 school year.

To combat gangs in Tippecanoe County, the [Indiana Youth Institute](http://www.iyi.org) (IYI) is hosting a forum that will explore how to recognize gang activity and how to develop a plan to address gangs.

The forum will feature Pat Harrington, Tippecanoe County's prosecutor. Harrington will discuss the impact gangs have on schools, children, courts, families and the quality of life in the community. He will also present a model for community organizations to intervene and prevent at-risk children from becoming involved in gangs.

The forum will run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25, at [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Lafayette](http://www.bigsisters.org), 3805 Fortune Dr., Lafayette, 47905.

As part of IYI's Youth Worker Café program, the forum is free and lunch will be served, but reservations are required by noon on Tuesday, Sept. 24. To make a reservation, email Jillian Miller of the Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network at jmiller@uw.lafayette.in.us. Reservations may also be made by contacting IYI Statewide Outreach Manager Debbie Jones via phone at (317) 396-2729 or via email at djones@iyi.org.

Youth Worker Cafés are designed to bring together local youth workers to build relationships and inspire collaborations that will benefit children. This Youth Worker Café is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the [Indiana Nonprofit Resource Network](http://www.innonet.org), the [Community Foundation of Greater Lafayette](http://www.cglf.org) and IYI.

For more information on the Youth Worker Café, contact IYI West Central Field Representative Katie McGaughey at kmcgaughey@iyi.org.

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(Note to editors: For information on sending a reporter or photographer to cover the café, contact Niccole Caan, media relations manager for the Indiana Youth Institute, at (317) 396-2737 or ncaan@iyi.org.)